

October 31, 2019

Senator Brian Schatz  
722 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Schatz:

Thank you for writing to share your concerns and recommendations around the upcoming census.

As we announced in July, we are developing a plan to prevent the spread of misinformation aimed at keeping people from participating in the 2020 census. We continue working closely with the Census Bureau and other stakeholders to ensure we get the policy right. We understand that you requested a response to your inquiry by October 31. In addition to providing you this update, we commit to providing your office with more detailed information in a briefing as soon as our policy has been finalized.

We know we have a responsibility to help protect the census from interference on our platforms, which is why we can assure you that our policy will extend Facebook's protections against voter suppression to suppression related to participation in the census. We've already assembled a team dedicated to protecting next year's census and will be enforcing this policy.

Thank you again for reaching out. We look forward to announcing our finalized policy soon.

Sincerely,



Kevin Martin  
Vice President, U.S. Public Policy